TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 2259 - SB 2192

February 21, 2020

SUMMARY OF BILL: Revises the requirements for the submission of juvenile court data. Requires each juvenile court to assign each child alleged to be delinquent or unruly with a unique child identification number for use with respect to each proceeding involving the child. Requires each juvenile court clerk to report outlined information on a monthly basis to the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC). Requires the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (DMHSAS) to report outlined information for any child referred to receive services provided by grantees funded through the Juvenile Justice Reform Act of 2018.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 37-1-506(a), the clerk of each juvenile court is required to report certain information, including informal adjustments, appointment of counsel, pretrial diversions, other dispositions made by the court, and other identifying information to the executive secretary of the Tennessee Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges (TCJFCJ) on a monthly basis.
- The Director of the AOC serves as the executive secretary of the TCJFCJ; therefore the AOC is responsible for the data collection required in Tenn. Code Ann. § 37-1-506.
- Based on information provided by the AOC, an existing database will require modification to collect the required data; however, such modification can be accomplished utilizing existing funding for routine database maintenance expenditures.
- Any fiscal impact to the AOC resulting from the proposed legislation is estimated to be not significant.
- Any impact to juvenile court clerks to provide the required information will be accomplished utilizing existing judicial resources. Any impact to local to the court system is estimated to be not significant.
- Any impact to DMHSAS to provide the required information will be accomplished utilizing existing judicial resources. Any impact to DMHSAS is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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